

Patent No. 5,846,514, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/410,530 filed March 27, 1995, now abandoned, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/217,897 filed March 25, 1994, now abandoned, each of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

### REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered and the patent granted.

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